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SUBJECT: CSCE: ALTERNATIVE DATES FOR STAGE III

FOR EUR/RPM

1. WITH THE GROWING POSSIBILITY THAT IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO CONVENE STAGE III ON JULY 28, COORDOR TALK HERE HAS BEGUN TO FOCUS ON POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE DATES. FINNS HAVE SUGGESTED TO US THAT OPENING DATES LATER IN THAT SAME WEEK MIGHT BE POSSIBILITY (I.E. JULY 29, 30 OR 31), BUT WE HAVE DEMURRED, NOTING THAT A THREE DAY STAGE III BEGINNING AS LATE AS JULY 31 WOULD PROBABLY BE INCONVENIENT FOR WASHINGTON IN VIEW OF OTHER VISITS WHICH MAY BE FORESEEN ABOUT THAT TIME. SEVERAL WESTERN DELEGATIONS ARE BEGINNING TO MENTION DATES IN AUGUST. HERE TOO WE HAVE QUIETLY WARNED THAT THE FIRST WEEK OF AUGUST WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT FOR US. THUS, CORRIDOR TALK HAS TENDED TO CONCENTRATE ON TWO POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE PERIODS:

(A) OPENING DATE SLIGHTLY LATER IN WEEK OF JULY 28 (JULY 29 OR 30);

(B) SOMETIME DURING PERIOD AUGUST 11-SEPTEMBER 5.

2. WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

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ANY GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT CAN GIVE AT THIS TIME ON THE

ACCEPTABILITY OF EITHER OF THESE ALTERNATIVES FOR
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